
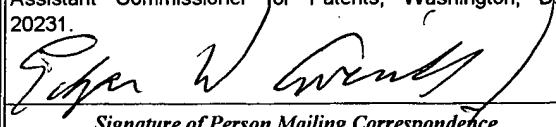
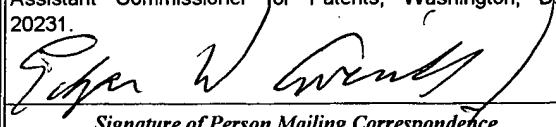
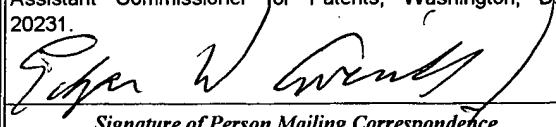


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)				Docket No. 133/28							
Applicant(s): Ronald L. Beale											
Serial No. 09/844,047	Filing Date 4/30/01	Examiner M. Brevard		Group Art Unit 3727							
Invention: Back Support Apparatus for Use With a Backpack											
<p><u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.</p> <p>The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p>											
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INDEP. CLAIMS	2 -	3 =	0 x	\$42.00	\$0.00						
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00						
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<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-3022 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.</p>											
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of October 7, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1 --1.(Amended) A back support apparatus for use with a backpack, said
2 Sub B
3 backpack having a front panel comprising a back-facing surface supporting a
4 right and a left shoulder strap, extending downwardly from a right and a left
5 upper attachment point, said back support comprising:
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a pair of elongated inflatable bladders spaced generally parallel to each
other and separated by a gap space and adapted to be vertically connected to a